

CHAPTER 160.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 46 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, entitled "Health," sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions," regulating the appointment of health officers by local boards of health, requiring such appointments to be made with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health, and extending the term of office of such health officers from two to four years, to conform with the requirements of Article XVII of the Constitution.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 46 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, entitled "Health," sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions," be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

46. Such local boards of health shall each appoint in the month of May, 1931, and quadrennially thereafter, a health officer, who shall be a well educated physician and who by virtue of his appointment shall be secretary and executive officer of the local board of health, and in the event of vacancy, a successor for the unexpired term shall be appointed by the local board of health, as soon as practicable. No such appointment shall be made without the advice and consent of the State Board of Health. The health officer shall hold office for four years from the date of appointment, but may be removed by the State Board of Health for cause upon charges made and considered at a regular meeting of said board. And it shall be the duty of every county health officer, district health officer, or local health officer, immediately after his appointment to appear before the State Board of Health or its accredited representative, and to make oath that he will well and truly discharge the duties of his office; provided that this section be not so construed as to prevent local boards of health from appointing such additional health officers or sanitary officers as they may deem necessary, or as may now or hereafter be allowed by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on June 1st, 1931.

Approved April 6, 1931.